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RC <raymond.chui@noaa.gov> wrote:

> *Gerald Vogt wrote:*

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>>> *them all. After I uninstalled that Norton/Symantec packages.*

>>> *Everything works fine! Now I am use McAfee virus scan instead.*

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>> *But I hope very much that you have the Windows Firewall running with*

>> *no exceptions?*

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> *I have some exceptions when I running Windows Firewall.*

> *But I have to disable the Windows firewall when I connect to my office*

> *with Cisco's VPN (Virtual Private Network) client. If the*

> *Windows firewall is on, then my VPN client will fail to connect.*

> *That is remaining problem I haven't solved, yet.*

That's like saying you only screw strangers without a condom for a few minutes a day.

The instant you are without a firewall, you're vulnerable, and anything that exploited that will continue to be in your system once you turn the XP firewall back on. Yes, just a few minutes with a disabled firewall is enough.

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